

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY March 2017

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

<p>WED 1</p>	<p>Thank God for those who serve on our staff team, including new staff Marcus Druitt, Annelie Kruger, Kylie Love and Georgia Lewellyn. Pray that as many of the staff meet for review and planning today, that Kerry would lead the meeting well. Pray God would provide opportunities for staff to be reading the Bible with non-christians. Pray for safety for Ben Molyneux and family travelling up the east coast while on long service leave. Pray for Scripture, for teachers to be prepared and faithfully teach God's word; for SRE teachers for those classes still without one; for classroom teachers to be supportive of SRE and for the children to be open to learning about Jesus. Pray for The Community Pantry (TCP) tonight and the Harpur team including Tim, Jo, Sigi, Suzanne and others. Give thanks for the support of the Sharks Footy Club.</p>
<p>THU 2</p>	<p>MISSION – Fiona Kirsop Credo at UTS - Pray she and the Credo Christian students meet lots of new UTS students at O'Day today and reconnect with continuing students at their 'Embark' sessions to kickoff the year (2-16 March). Pray for God to be raising up students to give themselves in service of him - particularly in 1-to-1 evangelism. Pray that 20 non-christian students would register to come to Easter Time Convention! Pray for Fiona and the team as they organise logistics and plan for a conference that will help uni students really grow in their love for Jesus and be renewed by God from the inside out.</p>
<p>FRI 3</p>	<p>MISSION – Irwan and Catherine at Uni of Wollongong ECU and Focus – Give thanks for the many students met during Orientation week; pray the conversations with them would prove fruitful. Pray Irwan and the others from ECU & Focus can warmly welcome and share their vision especially with first year students. Pray they can gather many students who live in Wollongong Uni campus accommodation to join 'His-Word-study' groups. Pray Christian students are keen to join in reaching out to non-christians.</p>
<p>SAT 4</p>	<p>Pray for good fellowship at the Night church women's Pilates and Breakfast today. Pray for Mitch as he preaches at Saturday, Arvo and Night Church; for Philip Selden as he preaches at Traditional and Morning church and for Bill Graham preaching at WAC this weekend. Pray that God's word would be faithfully taught and challenge and change each one of us as they cover Jesus' teaching on dealing with anger.</p>
<p>SUN 5</p>	<p>MISSION – Paul and Sandra King, France – Thank the Lord for the growing number of GBU staff; pray for wisdom for Paul and Sandra to support each person. Thank God the GBU has been recognised as a student group on the Strasbourg campus which gives the chance to reserve rooms at the Uni. Pray for the 2 evangelistic talks on the 7th and 8th March; pray the GBU students will be courageous and loving to invite friends along. Pray for Paul and Sandra to continue to run the race for the gospel in France till they return permanently to Australia in August.</p>
<p>MON 6</p>	<p>Pray for JESUS CLUB meeting this evening at Holy Trinity Beacon Hill. Pray the leaders and helpers Troy, Mel, Rick, Natalie and others are able with God's help reach many adults with intellectual disabilities sharing the love of Jesus. Pray for many to attend The Word One-to-One follow up meetings tomorrow and Wednesday night, assisting people in how to use the booklets. Pray for Kerry as he leads this meeting encouraging us to read the bible with another and that many more will come to the Lord.</p>

TUE 7	<p>THE COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE - Give thanks for the refreshment for the counsellors over the Christmas break. Pray for visits to Partner churches, that God will prompt more people to support The Cottage prayerfully and financially. Pray the Yr 11 students will talk about The Cottage with friends and family and that some will choose to fundraise for The Cottage; pray for wisdom writing grant applications and for a positive outcome bringing further financial support. Pray the Anxiety seminar will be practical and helpful.</p>
WED 8	<p>Pray for TCP and the Moate team, Steve, Amy, and others. Give thanks for the mums and their children who come along; pray they will be well supported and cared for.</p> <p>MIDDLE EAST – Pray for the people of Mosul in Iraq as the offensive into their city continues; pray especially for women and children to be able to safely escape the conflict. Give thanks to God for the peace we experience in our country and give us hearts to support those suffering in many parts of the world. Pray for the ‘peace that comes from knowing Jesus’ to reach into all areas of the world.</p>
THU 9	<p>Thank God for the opportunity to share hope in Christ with the residents of Elizabeth Jenkins Place, the retirement Village at Collaroy. Ask God to help Kerry and Nerilyn to serve the residents well, as they lead the service there today.</p>
FRI 10	<p>WARRIEWOOD ANGLICAN - Thank God for the keen youth and young adults at WAC and The J. Pray for those who may be feeling disconnected with the absence of the Gallants; and pray for enthusiasm and wisdom as we care for them.</p> <p>WARRIEWOOD BROOK - Please pray that God will enable the chaplains, Marcus and Denise, to share God's love and truth with the residents at Warriewood ARV, especially to those who are sick, bereaved, caring for partners or recently moved in.</p>
SAT 11	<p>Thank God for the way Chris and Karen Webb have served over the past years amongst aboriginal people in Broome. Thank God that they are able to spend the coming week with us, encouraging us from their experiences. Pray for energy for Chris as he speaks at five of our church meetings this weekend. Ask God to again challenge us with the visions of seeing the message of Christ go out to all people.</p>
SUN 12	<p>MISSION – Chris and Karen Webb – While they are away on Home Assignment, ask God to continue working in the lives of the indigenous people at Broome Peoples Church. Pray Michael Baines, the minister of Broome Anglican Church, is able to keep things going at the ‘Peoples Church’ and pray congregation members are able to continue Bible study groups. Pray especially for the group from the local drug and alcohol rehab centre, who had been meeting with Chris for a weekly praise and bible study, would with God’s help, stay sober and grow in their walk with Jesus.</p>
MON 13	<p>WATOTO – Pray for God’s hand to be directing all the preparations for the St Faith’s mission trip to Watoto in Uganda in April. Pray for Stuart, Kathy and Kirsty as they finalise the itinerary with the Watoto organisation and for the team as they prepare for the trip, including Mandy, Vernon, Neil, Delwyn, Jenny, Adam, Elizabeth, Gemma, Angus and others. Give thanks for the opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with the people in the Watoto villages.</p>

<i>TUE</i> 14	Thank God for the great fellowship of our regular Tuesday ladies Bible Study groups , and for the leadership of Sarah Jones . Pray as Karen Webb comes today to share about her work amongst Aboriginal people around Broome , that God would encourage all the women who attend.
<i>WED</i> 15	Pray for TCP tonight including helpers Nola, Christine and others ; give thanks for the support of Dee Why RSL .
<i>THU</i> 16	WAR VETS - Thank God for a full bus load at the Men's Day out last month. Pray for the next Men's Day trip on 22 nd March to the Blue Mountains that men will keep coming along and for many opportunities to share the gospel. Thank God for Mark, who has participated successfully in the 'Homes For Heroes' program, pray his christian commitment will continue to grow; pray he will find supportive christian fellowship at Goulbourn.
<i>FRI</i> 17	Give thanks for Georgia who is working as part of the Soulies leadership team this year . Pray she continues to grow in her commitment to serving Christ this way and is a good role model for the youth at Soulies . Give thanks for all the leaders who serve and care for the youth on Friday evenings including Mary, Molly, Nathan, Sam, Meagan, Ebony and others ; pray they are sensitive and thoughtful as they speak to the youth about being a follower of Jesus. Pray for wisdom for Mitch as he heads up the Soulies team.
<i>SAT</i> 18	Ask God to sustain Neil as he preaches at 4 services this weekend on Jesus' teaching about respect in relationships from Matthew 5:27-32. Pray for wisdom and insight into God's word and that God's Spirit would illuminate His word in our hearts and lives. Pray similarly for Philip preaching at Traditional church and for Tony Bradford preaching at both WAC services .
<i>SUN</i> 19	Thank God for those who have served us as wardens and Parish Council members this year, especially our treasurer Stuart Neilson . Pray that the Annual General Meeting today would be an encouraging time, as we hear something of what God has done amongst us over the past year. Pray for Stuart, as he reports on financial matters , and for Judith, Rosemary and others, as they report on some of our ministries .
<i>MON</i> 20	ESL – Pray for those training to teach English as a Second Language this month. Pray for trainer Trish Bell and coordinator Julianne. Pray the Monday classes will enable us to connect with non-english speaking people in our area helping them with communicating and everyday living but also enabling them to see Christ's love in action.
<i>TUE</i> 21	WARRIEWOOD ANGLICAN - Thank God for the new leadership team at the 8:30 service , and for wisdom as they think through changes to the service to make it encouraging, satisfying and glorifying to God. Please pray for the new people moving into the Warriewood Anglican Retirement Village, that they will be welcomed, loved and cared for by the residents there. Pray also that the Christians in the village will encourage one another, and be the salt and light to those who do not yet live with Jesus as King.
<i>WED</i> 22	Pray for TCP and the Dickson team including Ruth, Belinda and others . Give thanks for the musicians Rob and Kate who play every week. Pray for Kerry and Marcus as they prepare to preach this weekend on what Jesus says about divorce. Pray they speak faithfully from God's word with wisdom and sensitivity.
<i>THU</i> 23	WAR VETS - Give thanks to God for the wonderful volunteers who do so much at the War Vets; pray God will continue to sustain them and the chaplains Tony and Bob in their work there, pray for many to come to Christ. Pray as they consider running a basic introductory course for Christianity as an open course in the Village .

FRI 24	LightHouse – Pray for the children coming along to LightHouse on Friday afternoons to grow in their knowledge of Jesus. Pray Annelie and her group of helpers including Daniel, Zep, Chelsea, Ferg, Toby, Jess and others are able to relate well with the children being able to show Jesus’ love in the way they act and behave; pray the children respond with open hearts and that many will accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Pray for wisdom for Annelie as she coordinates this group.
SAT 25	Give thanks for the ‘Year 13’ girls serving at St Faith’s this year , for Lucy who is helping with Saturday Kids and scripture and for Ella helping with ARVO Kids and scripture Pray they grow in their faith and knowledge as they attend training at Youthworks and their desire to know and serve Jesus increases during the course of the year.
SUN 26	MISSION – Steve and Narelle Etherington – As their 25 plus years with CMS comes to an end, pray for Reverend Lois Nadjamerrek, back in Oenpelli, as she longs to see men saved and using their gifts in the church, and works at building literacy in the young women through Bible study as well as the huge pastoral load she carries. Pray too for CMS as they look for those the Lord will raise up as missionaries to help the Kunwinjku Christians hear and obey God’s word, in teaching, preaching and reaching out to build His church.
MON 27	MISSION – Geoff and Martha Boye, Tanzania – Pray for Geoff as his teaching load at Munguishi Bible College increases that he is well prepared and remembering his Swahili. Pray for Martha re-establishing ministry roles and friendships, for the children settling back at school and for safe driving back on Tanzanian roads.
TUE 28	COMPASSION – Philippines – Pray for the children and their families in the Iriga region of the Philippines, who people from St Faith’s sponsor through Compassion. Ask God to sustain the pastors and christian workers at the 6 churches and 5 child development centres, that are supported by Compassion, who want <i>the Lord to continually use them as instruments in the transformation of their community</i> . Pray especially for support for the people who continue to rebuild their lives following a devastating typhoon last year.
WED 29	Pray for TCP and the Duce team including Jane, Dave, Glen, Sandy and others ; give thanks for the ongoing generosity of the people of St Faith’s.
THU 30	Gumtrees Playtime – Give thanks for the many parents and children who have come along to playtime this term. Pray new members have felt welcomed. Pray those from St Faith’s shine Jesus’ light and that this would prompt others to want to learn about Jesus.
FRI 31	MISSION – Kent and Linda - Pray they are able to follow up and build relationships with people from Central Asia now settled in Australia and be able to share about true life in Christ. Pray Kent continues to be a blessing to former inmates pray these men will see acceptance and support not only from him, but from God, and that they can turn and depend on Him. Pray for those on short term mission through the On Track program with Interserve, whom Linda supports and coordinates; ordinary people doing amazing work because they love Jesus. Those in Christian hospitals are especially overworked because of their competent, loving reputations; please pray for more workers for these programs.
Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: Tuesday, 21st March, 2017. Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au Note: We may not be able to include everything.	